

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: HNALL 13/40**

**OPEN TO:** All Interested Candidates  
**POSITION:** **Laboratory Program Officer, FSN-10**  
**OPENING DATE:** December 16, 2013  
**CLOSING DATE:** December 30, 2013  
**WORK HOURS:** Full-time, 40 hours/week  
**LENGTH OF HIRE:** Long term. Actual filling of the position is contingent upon the availability of funds.

The Embassy of the United States of America in Hanoi is seeking an individual for employment for the position of Laboratory Program Officer in its Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

**NOTE: ALL APPLICANTS WHO ARE NOT FAMILY MEMBERS OF U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OR OFFICES UNDER/NOT UNDER CHIEF OF MISSION'S AUTHORITY MUST HAVE REQUIRED WORK AND RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.**

**BASIC FUNCTIONS OF THE POSITION**

Incumbent of this position will report to the Public Health Program Specialist and will provide technical assistance and logistical support for on-going laboratory activities in support of CDC-funded cooperative agreement projects in Vietnam. The incumbent will also assist in the implementation and monitoring of laboratory aspects of CDC/GAP Vietnam programs, including conducting site visits to monitor the quality of testing, blood safety, universal precautions, and procurement of equipment, reagents and supplies; identifying training needs; organizing training courses and meetings for laboratory personnel; and ensuring timely and appropriate submission of required reports. The incumbent will develop reports and technical presentations; and translate reports as needed.

Please contact the Human Resources Office at 3850-5000 Ext. 5127/Ext.5126 for further inquiries.

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

**NOTE:** All applicants are instructed to address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.

- 1. Education:** Master's degree in the field of Microbiology, Chemistry, Immunology, Biochemistry, Pathology, Biology, Biotechnology, Toxicology or other science-related field is required.
- 2. Experience:** Must have at least three years of working experience in laboratory bench work, and including one year of laboratory project management.
- 3. Computer skills:** Must demonstrate proficiency in word processing, spreadsheets, databases and other computer application (i.e. Microsoft Office, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.) (this will be tested).
- 4. Language:** Level 3 (Good working knowledge) Speaking/Reading/Writing English is required (this will be tested). Level 4 (Fluent) Speaking/Reading/Writing Vietnamese is required.
- 5. Knowledge:** Must have a good understanding of the CDC Global AIDS Program, its mission, goals and objectives. Must also have a thorough knowledge of the local health care system; a detailed understanding of the Ministry of Health, and provincial health departments, its structure, policies and operations; as well as an understanding of the HIV epidemic in Vietnam and the Government's response to the epidemic; HIV diagnostic laboratory procedures, including serologic testing, blood safety, universal precautions, CD4 testing, viral loads, and quality assurance of laboratory procedures. Knowledge of international standards

for HIV laboratory diagnostic procedures, as well as appropriate equipment, reagents, and supplies required.

**6. Abilities and Skills:** Must have excellent interpersonal skills as a major part of the responsibilities will be mentoring, coaching, training, developing technical skills and otherwise working with high-level, well-educated cooperative agreement professional staff. Must also have a good grasp of on-the-job training techniques, formal classroom training approaches and the ability and patience to explain and transfer an understanding of very detailed technical information and procedures to numerous project staff and supervisors. Ability to lead project teams and workgroups and to develop effective working relationships with national and international working partners is required. The incumbent will be expected to exercise ingenuity and tact in applying guidelines to unique and different settings, as the work is highly complex and can be threatening to stakeholders. The ability to influence and persuade others will be required to work collaboratively with organizations engaged in laboratory programs to adopt appropriate strategies for their program activities and to coordinate with partners on national strategic planning for laboratory programs.

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

When fully qualified, U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and U.S. Veterans are given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate specifically address the required qualifications above in the application.

### **ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA**

Please see post eligibility & qualification requirements on the bulletin board in the Human Resources Office or on the Embassy website <http://vietnam.usembassy.gov>

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Current employees serving in a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Current Ordinarily Resident employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.
4. Currently employed U.S. Citizen EFMs who hold a Family Member Appointment (FMA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
5. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.
6. The candidate must be able to obtain and hold U.S. Mission Regional Security Office (RSO) and Health Unit clearances.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Interested candidates for this position must submit the following for consideration of the application:

1. Universal Application for Employment as a Locally Employed Staff or Family Member (DS-174). The DS-174 form is available on the U.S. Embassy website <http://vietnam.usembassy.gov>; **or**
2. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information found on the UAE (see Appendix B); **or**

3. A combination of both; i.e. Sections 1 -24 of the UAE along with a listing of the applicant's work experience attached as a separate sheet; **plus**

4. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application. Candidates who claim conditional U.S. Veterans preference must submit documentation confirming eligibility for a conditional preference in hiring with their application.

5. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards) that addresses the qualification.

### **SUBMIT APPLICATION**

**Applications should be submitted through email to the address: [HanoiHR@state.gov](mailto:HanoiHR@state.gov)**

**Subject line must be: (HN VA 13/40) or your application may not be considered;**

Please use the PDF application form [DS-174](#). We will only accept applications by email. If you encounter a problem, please call Human Resources Office (84-4) 3850-5126 or (84-4) 3850-5127. Please do **NOT** attach a photo on an application form (DS-174) or resume that provides the same information found on the DS-174.

### **POINT OF CONTACT:**

Human Resources Office

Telephone: 84-4-3850-5000 ext. 5127/5126

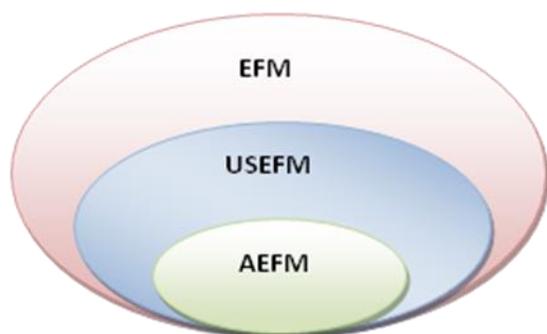
Fax: 84-4-3850-5019

### **CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: DECEMBER 30, 2013**

(All applications must be received by the closing date to receive consideration. Only short listed applicants will be contacted for interviews. If you do not hear from us within 4 weeks from the closing date, your application was not successful.)

The U.S. Mission in Vietnam provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs. The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

## Appendix A DEFINITIONS



This diagram demonstrates how an Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM) is also a U.S.-citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM) as well as an Eligible Family Member (EFM).

**1. Eligible Family Member (EFM):** An individual related to a U.S. Government employee in one of the following ways:

- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#));
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, or of the spouse, when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support.

**2. U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM):** For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; and,
- EFM (see above) at least 18 years old; and,
- Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and either:
  1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
  2. Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.

**3. Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM):** EFM (see above) eligible for a Family Member Appointment for purposes of Mission employment:

- Is a U.S. citizen; and
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#)) or a child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and
- Is listed on the travel orders or approved [Form OF-126, Foreign Service Residence and Dependency Report](#), of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil

Service, or uniformed **service** member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad at a U.S. mission, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (**AIT**), and who is under chief of mission authority; and

- **Is** residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, office of the American Institute in Taiwan.
- Does not receive a Foreign Service or Civil Service annuity

**4. Member of Household (MOH):** An individual who accompanies a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan. An MOH is:

- Not an EFM; and,
- Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee; and,
- Has been officially declared by the sponsoring USG employee to the COM as part of his/her household.

A MOH is under COM authority and may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative or adult child who falls outside the Department's current legal and statutory definition of family member. A MOH does not have to be a U.S. Citizen.

**5. Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR)** – An individual who:

- Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
- Does not ordinarily reside (*OR*, see below) in the host country; and,
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN).

NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the LCP.

**6. Ordinarily Resident (OR)** – A Foreign National or U.S. citizen who:

- Is locally resident; and,
- Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and,
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

EFM's without U.S. Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including U.S. citizens, are compensated in accordance with the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).

## **Appendix B**

If an applicant is submitting a resume or curriculum vitae, s/he must provide the following information equal to what is found on the UAE.

**Failure to do so will result in an incomplete application.**

- A. Position Title
- B. Position Grade
- C. Vacancy Announcement Number (if known)
- D. Dates Available for Work
- E. First, Middle, & Last Names as well as any other names used
- F. Current Address, Day, Evening, and Cell phone numbers
- G. U.S. Citizenship Status (*Yes or No*) & status of permanent U.S. Resident (*Yes or No*; if yes, provide number)

- H. U.S. Social Security Number and/or Identification Number
- I. Eligibility to work in the country (*Yes or No*)
- J. Special Accommodations the Mission needs to provide (*Yes or No; if yes, provide explanation*)
- K. If applying for position that includes driving a U.S. Government vehicle, Driver's License Class / Type
- L. Days available to work
- M. List any relatives or members of your household that work for the U.S. Government (include their Name, Relationship, & Agency, Position, Location)
- N. U.S. Eligible Family Member and Veterans Hiring Preference
- O. Education
- P. License, Skills, Training, Membership, & Recognition
- Q. Language Skills
- R. Work Experience
- S. References